

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yoshihiro UEDA

Appln. No.: To Be Assigned (Divisional of U.S.  
Application No. 09/310,961)

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: SHAPE INFORMATION CODER AND  
DECODER DIVIDING SHAPE INFOR-  
MATION INTO LOWER-RESOLUTION  
SUBSETS

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket No. 31869-191367

Customer No.

**26694**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the  
application as follows: